(c) The transit time of mango rakes is monitored to avoid deterioration to the fruits due to inordinate delays. Railways do not provide preservation facilities like cold storage, etc.

Nuisances in Satyagrah Express

†2250. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that eunuchs, snake-charmers and juggles board the 4047/4048 Satyagrah Express and tease the passengers for money;

(b) whether they tease more in between Sitapur and Ghaziabad in 4047 if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, number of complaints registered in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to stop it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. No such complaints has been lodged by any of the passengers.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Travelling without proper ticket and committing any nuisance so as to affect the comfortable travel are offences under the Railway Act, 1989. Frequent checks are carried out by the Railway officials and Police authorities to take action against such offenders.

Doubling of Bangalore-Mysore rail line

2251. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangalore-Mysore rail line is proposed to be doubled; and

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

However, the doubling of Bangalore-Kengeri (12.45 km) and Kengeri-Ramanagaram (32.43 km) sections of Bangalore-Mysore line have been included in the Railway Budget. The work would be taken up as per the operational priority and availability of resources.

Stoppage of Pooja Express at Gurgaon

2252. SHRI RAO MAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation for stoppage of Pooja Express at Gurgaon; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government have taken any action thereon; if so, the details thereof if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Some representations had been received regarding stoppage of 2413/2414 Delhi-Jaipur Express at Gurgaon.

(b) These were examined but not found feasible for implementation.

Palace on Wheels for A.P.

2253. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Palace on Wheels for Andhra Pradesh derailed";

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the reasons for Government backing out of their commitment to the proposal initiated by the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and agreed to by the then Minister of Railways;

(d) whether Government would have a fresh look at the project which would promote growth of tourism in the State; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. A proposal to run a Palace on Wheels type luxury tourist train was